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Cuellar wants guilty plea withdrawn

Man who killed Tyrone Hassel III says he feared military death penalty

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Jeremy Cuellar told a Berrien County Trial Court judge Wednesday that when he took a deal last July and pleaded guilty to murdering U.S. Army Sgt. Tyrone Hassel III, he thought his only other choice was to die.

"If I was found guilty I assumed I would be on death row, and that scared me," Cuellar told Judge Angela Pasula from a state prison in a motion hearing conducted by video. Earlier this year, Cuellar filed a motion to withdraw his guilty plea.

Cuellar's appellate attorney, John Zevalking, also appearing by video, asked him if his original trial court lawyer, Edwin Johnson, told him he had no chance at trial and Cuellar responded, "Yes, that's exactly what happened," and "I was feeling like either take this plea or die."

Testifying in the courtroom Wednesday, Johnson said that did not happen.

"Do you recall telling him he had no chance at trial?" Zevalking asked Johnson, who responded, "Absolutely not."

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Last July, Cuellar, 26, from Chicago, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the shooting death of Hassel and, under a plea deal, he was sentenced in September 2019 to 65-90 years in prison. He was 25 at the time, so would be 90 before becoming eligible to seek parole.

Hassel's wife, Kemia Hassel, 22 at the time, was found guilty of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence without parole. Testimony showed that the two, while deployed to South Korea serving in the U.S. Army, planned the death of Tyrone Hassel III, of Benton Harbor, after becoming lovers. They planned to start a life together after receiving $500,000 from the life insurance on Tyrone.

The night of Dec. 31, 2018, Tyrone Hassel III was gunned down outside his father's house in St. Joseph Township, where he and his wife, along with their baby, were staying while on leave for the holidays. Cuellar and Kemia Hassel were ultimately arrested and charged with first-degree murder, which in Michigan carries a mandatory penalty for adults of life in prison with no chance for parole.

After Kemia Hassel's jury trial, Cuellar's trial was set to begin when, in a surprise move, he accepted the plea deal offered by Berrien Chief Assistant Prosecutor Steve Pierangeli and Assistant Prosecutor Trevor Maveal.

At sentencing, he apologized to Hassel's family and the Army, saying he had been a fool and that Kemia Hassel "played on me." According to testimony, she had told Cuellar her husband was abusive. But others described Tyrone Hassel III as a selfless hero, an admirable soldier and a family man who loved his wife.

Michigan does not have the death penalty, but the U.S. Military court does. The day of Cuellar's guilty plea, Pierangeli told the Berrien County Trial Court that the U.S. Army would not pursue military charges in the case.

Cuellar claims that he did not know that, and that Johnson had told him that if he did not plead guilty, he would risk ending up on death row.

Testifying in the motion hearing Wednesday, Johnson told the court he never said that. He said he was

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BIKING WITH THE COPS

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Michigan State Police including Trooper Anthony Young, center, lead children on a bike ride beginning at the Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Club Fettig Youth Campus in Benton Harbor on Wednesday as part of the Bike with a Cop program. The event, hosted by the Benton Harbor Department of Public safety and Michigan State Police, featured ice cream provided by The Blue Roof Church and bike repairs by Cycle-Re-Cycle.

ABOVE: Tom Hurst, with Cycle-Re-Cycle, helps Dzarri'A Robinson, 6, ride a bike at the Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Club Fettig Youth Campus in Benton Harbor on Wednesday during the Bike with a Cop event. **RIGHT:** Michigan State Police Lt. Jeremy Carlisle rides with Taeshawn Palmer, 6.

Supplies from local church among those lost in Beirut blast

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Personal care and school supply kits donated by Peace Lutheran Church of St. Joseph were among the $624,000 worth of donations from Lutheran World Relief destroyed in the Aug. 4 explosion in the port of Beirut, Lebanon, which killed 150 people and injured more than 5,000.

The Rev. Steve Hartten, pastor of the church, said the kits were on their way to be delivered to refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories. He said that three large shipping containers filled with donations were unloaded onto the dock the day before the explosion happened.

"They never had a chance to get to where they were going," he said. "The explosion damaged a large area."

The personal care kits included bath towels, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers.

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Judge boots challenge to mass mailing of ballot applications

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A Michigan judge on Wednesday dismissed lawsuits challenging the secretary of state's mailing of absentee ballot applications to millions of voters who did not request one, ruling that Jocelyn Benson had "clear and broad" authority to do so.

State Court of Claims Judge Cynthia Stephens' decision had been signaled after she rejected a request for a preliminary injunction in June. Benson, a Democrat, began sending the applications in May to all voters in the battleground state who were not already on permanent absentee ballot lists for the August primary and November general elections, as a way to encourage safe voting during the coronavirus pandemic.

Stephens said Benson's actions are not contrary to election law.

"Defendant has clear

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NBA postpones playoff games; WNBA also boycotts in protest

Some MLB games also postponed as Bucks' walk-out reverberates

By BRIAN MAHONEY and TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writers

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — All three NBA playoff games scheduled for Wednesday have been postponed, with players around the league choosing to boycott in their strongest statement yet against racial injustice.

Called off: Games between Milwaukee and Orlando, Houston and Oklahoma City and the Los Angeles Lakers and Portland. The NBA said all three games would be rescheduled, yet did not say when.

And the reverberations quickly moved into Major League Baseball and the WNBA. The Milwaukee Brewers' home game with the Cincinnati Reds was called off, by player decision, and other MLB teams were considering similar moves. WNBA players are not playing their three regular-season games scheduled for Wednesday in Bradenton, Florida.

The dramatic series of moves began when the Bucks – the NBA's team from Wisconsin, a state rocked in recent days by the shooting by police of Jacob Blake, a Black man – didn't take the floor for their playoff game against the Magic. The teams were set to begin Game 5 of their series shortly after 4 p.m., with the Bucks needing a win to advance to the second round.

Players had been discussing boycotting games in the bubble after the shooting of Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Players and coaches in the bubble were invited to a meeting Wednesday to discuss how – or if – to go forward with the season.

Bucks guard Sterling Brown, who has a federal lawsuit pending against the city of Milwaukee alleging he was targeted because he was Black and that his civil rights were violated in January 2018 when officers

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used a stun gun on him after a parking violation, and teammate George Hill read a statement when the team emerged from its locker room nearly 3-½ hours after its game was to begin.

Brown called the video of Blake being shot "horrendous."

"There has been no action, so our focus today cannot be on basketball," Brown said, as he and Hill were flanked by their teammates in an arena hallway.

The players did not take questions.

"We fully support our players and the decision they made," Bucks owners Marc Lasry, Wes Edens and Jamie Dinan said in a joint statement. "Although we did not know beforehand, we would have wholeheartedly agreed with them. The only way to bring about change is to shine a light on the racial injustices that are happening in front of us. Our players have done that and we will continue to stand alongside them and demand accountability and change."

Added Jeanie Buss, the Governor of the Lakers, in a tweet: "I stand behind our players, today and always. After more than 400 years of cruelty, racism and injustice, we all need to work together to say enough is enough."

There are three more playoff games scheduled Thursday. It was unclear if they would be affected. Several NBA players, including the Lakers' LeBron James, tweeted out messages demanding change and the Boston Celtics' official Twitter account did the same.

"We weren't given advanced notice about the decision but we are happy to stand in solidarity with Milwaukee, Jacob, and the entire NBA community," Orlando guard Michael Carter-Williams said. "Change is coming."

Magic players and referees were on the basketball court for the game but Milwaukee never took the floor. The National Basketball Referees Association said it "stands in solidarity with our players' decision to boycott tonight's games" and the National Basketball Players Association tweeted that the "revolution will be televised."

NBPA President Chris Paul of the Oklahoma City Thunder and guard Russell Westbrook of the Houston Rockets were seen emerging from a conversation, not long before it became known that their teams also decided to not play their scheduled game Wednesday.

"Today we stand united with the NBA Office, the National Basketball Players Association, the Milwaukee Bucks and the rest of the league condemning bigotry, racial injustice and the unwarranted use of violence by police against people of color," the Magic and its ownership group, the DeVos family, said in a statement.

Demanding societal change and ending racial injustice has been a major part of the NBA's restart at Walt Disney World. The phrase "Black Lives Matter" is painted on the arena courts, players are wearing messages urging change on their jerseys and coaches are donning pins demanding racial justice as well.

Many players wrestled for weeks about whether it was even right to play, fearing that a return to games would take attention off the deaths of, among others, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd in recent months.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
09-11-12-19-26-30
Midday Daily 3
4-4-6
Midday Daily 4
9-1-3-9
Daily 3
1-9-4
Daily 4
1-5-5-9
Fantasy 5
01-04-09-19-33
Keno
01-04-05-19-22-24-27-30-31-32-38-42-48-50-53-54-63-66-70-73-76-78
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $68 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $37 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
08-10-15-17-57, Mega Ball: 12, Megaplier: 3
Indiana
Cash 5
01-26-27-28-30
Quick Draw Midday
03-06-08-09-13-14-17-19-33-35-39-51-52-65-66-67-71-74-77-80, BE: 80
Daily Three-Midday
2-0-4, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
2-3-0, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
0-7-3-8, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
6-9-6-8, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
02-04-06-12-17-18-20-25-26-28-30-32-38-42-46-48-59-71-72-78, BE: 17
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-12-18-24-32
Pick Three-Midday
1-0-2, Fireball: 2
Pick Three-Evening
9-0-8, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
6-8-8-2, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
0-3-8-6, Fireball: 9
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The Loyalist: VP Pence preserves own presidential prospects

By LAURIE KELLMAN and ZEKE MILLER
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Vice President Mike Pence and second lady Karen Pence arrive to listen to first lady Melania Trump to speak during the 2020 Republican National Convention from the Rose Garden of the White House on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence shuttled through the Capitol's empty, drafty hallways one blustery winter day in search of a breakthrough.

It was January 2019, and the government had been partly shut down for weeks in a standoff between his boss, President Donald Trump, and Democrats who refused to fund his border wall. Shadowed by a security detail, Pence traversed the closed building, fielding gripes and asks from GOP senators, nodding, moving on to his next meeting.

A lurking reporter asked Pence as he passed: What was his role in these critical talks?

"I am the vice president of the United States," Pence replied levelly, and kept walking.

What that has come to mean after more than three years at Trump's side is a blend of deference when the president insists on dominance and steadiness when Trump offers bombast. Sometimes, as when he sat with his eyes shut during an on-camera spat in the Oval Office between Trump, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Pence opts out all together.

Never crossing Trump has helped the former Indiana governor and congressman survive while tethered to a president who sinks perceived enemies swiftly and publicly. Pence's formal nomination this week as Trump's running mate was a vindication after rumors flew that the president might dump him.

"All my focus is getting this president reelected for four more years," Pence said in a Fox News Channel interview that aired Tuesday, one day before he was slated to address the convention.

Critics say Pence is deferential to Trump more than any other vice president in history. But the relationship has enabled Pence to elevate causes he prioritizes, such as the anti-abortion movement and religious freedom. And his loyalty helps preserve his own viability as a presidential candidate in 2024.

"I think he's very OK with it," said Leslie Lenkowsky, professor emeritus in public affairs and philanthropy at Indiana University, who has known Pence for three decades. Still, he said, it's unclear that Pence's pursuit of the long game will pay off.

"The risk is that this administration will be held in such disregard that Mike doesn't have much of a shot at moving on," added Lenkowsky, who served in President George W. Bush's administration. "He's doing his best to avoid being tarred by it."

Pence, 61, grew up idolizing President John F. Kennedy and said he voted for President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Later, his idol became President Ronald Reagan, the conservative "happy warrior" whose style Pence echoes when he says he's "a conservative, but I'm not angry about it."

Pence's Irish Catholic faith threads through his life story, from his roots in Columbus, Indiana, through his marriage to wife Karen, his governorship and his ability to keep evangelicals on board the Trump campaign after a recording released in 2016 revealed Trump boasting about sexually assaulting women.

Before he turned to professional politics, Pence practiced law and hosted a talk-radio show in Indiana for several years. He lost his first two bids for Congress but won in 2000 and was reelected five times. He was not known as a lawmaker who got legislation passed. But Pence built influence in other ways, chiefly by chairing groups of House conservatives and helping lead what became the populist tea party. He won the governorship in 2012.

That's when he drew nationwide attention, not always flattering. In 2015 he provoked a national backlash after signing a law that critics said would have allowed businesses to deny service to gay people for religious reasons. Pence also came under fire in 2016 for signing a bill that prohibits abortions when the fetus has a disability.

In the 2016 presidential race, Pence at first endorsed Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. And Trump had others initially in mind for his running mate. But a flat tire on Trump's plane in Indianapolis ended up sealing Pence's place on the ticket. Grounded temporarily, Trump and his entourage ended up dining with Pence and his wife while the plane was repaired. And the brash New York real estate magnate with credibility problems among conservatives chose the mild-mannered governor with no such challenge.

Over four years, Pence has come to be Trump's dependable sidekick. Where Trump is braggadocious, Pence is a humble warrior, willing to do the grunt work and grueling travel that the president is often loathe to do himself.

That was on display Tuesday night in an emotional nine-minute video featuring Pence interviewing six everyday Americans about how they've benefitted under the Trump administration. Taped last week at President Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home, it put a spotlight on how the Trump team views Pence as bringing the empathy often not on display by the president himself.

That includes shuttling around the chilly Capitol at the height of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. In meeting after meeting, Republicans said Pence heard their concerns and promised to relay them to Trump. But his power to negotiate, senators said afterward, was limited by Trump's mercurial moods.

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and broad authority to provide advice and direction with respect to the conduct of elections and registrations. That is all she has done here: she has provided direction for conducting an election during an unprecedented global pandemic involving a highly contagious respiratory virus," Stephens wrote.

She noted that voters in 2018 approved a constitutional amendment letting people vote absentee for any reason.

"The Secretary of State, as chief election officer of this state, merely sent applications that will make it easier for voters to exercise that constitutional right, should they choose to do so," she said.

The consolidated suits were filed by Yvonne Black and Nevin Cooper-Keel, Republican candidates for the state House who later lost in the primary, and Robert Davis, an activist and serial litigant.

When Benson announced the mass mailing, she was criticized by President Donald Trump, who wrongly stated that she was sending absentee ballots, not applications. Michigan Democratic Party Chairwoman Lavora Barnes on Wednesday accused Republicans of trying to suppress the vote and said they "are wasting Secretary Benson's time and that of the courts."

A record 2.5 million votes were cast in the primary three weeks ago, including a record 1.6 million absentee ballots that were submitted by mail, at a drop box or in a clerk's office.

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Owner hopes to generate interest in land near Lowe's

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A little more than 9 acres of land adjacent to Lowe's in Benton Township has seen its trees and brush cut down in the past couple weeks.

The property owner isn't developing anything at the moment. Instead, they are clearing the land for potential buyers to see what the real estate has to offer.

Township Building Inspector Chris Fuchs said the owner of the property, Nolan Passick, was clearing the site to get a better idea of the elevations and to give others an idea of what the land could be used for.

"They wanted to clear the land for the seller's benefit," Fuchs said. "People don't know what's on it. This gives them a better perspective of the size and shape and topography so they could sell the property."

Fuchs said the township took interest when trees and other vegetation were being uprooted during excavation.

Passick, who is an entrepreneur and owner of RQ Rentals LLC, said he could see a couple different scenarios play out for the property, such as one buyer developing the entire parcel, or another in which the land is divided up among a couple different buyers.

He said no contract has been signed for any sale, as he is still in the early stages of talks.

"COVID has slowed us down on if they want to pull the trigger now or the first of the year," Passick said Wednesday. "It's a great area. You see the traffic flow by there."

While Passick wouldn't name potential buyers, he said both were interested in "something commercial."

The property is listed with Martin Properties out of Grand Rapids. Passick said it's been on the market for less than a week, after sitting unused for years.

The parcel is 9.64 acres and is located between Lowe's and Harbor Pointe Apartments.

By comparison, the Lowe's property is 11.84 acres, according to township records.

Passick added that he would make a move to develop the property himself if nothing substantial comes from his latest effort to find a buyer.

"If these guys don't develop, I probably will myself. It's time for it to get developed," Passick said. "If someone wants to come in and buy it, I'm open to that. If someone doesn't want to take the first step, I'll take the first step."

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Trees have been cleared for possible future development of a 9.64-acre parcel located next to the Lowe's store in Benton Township.

IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT

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The sun sets as a child plays in the water at the Whirlpool Compass Fountain Tuesday night in St. Joseph.

New Van Buren recycling site available in Hartford

Program being tested on trial basis

By HP STAFF

HARTFORD — The Van Buren Conservation District, Broken Arrow Recycling and Pratt Industries, Inc. have formed a partnership to expand cardboard and paper recycling in Van Buren County, according to a news release.

Resource Recycling Systems has designed, coordinated and implemented this pilot project on behalf of Pratt Industries. The new service is free to both businesses and residents and the quantity that can be recycled is unlimited. The three-month pilot program will run September through November, and may be extended based on use.

Recyclable items can be brought to Environ Group, 67901 Red Arrow Hwy., in Hartford.

Recyclable items that can be dropped off include cardboard and paperboard; flattened cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and catalogs, soft-cover books, envelopes and junk mail, office paper, flyers and postcards.

Broken Arrow Recycling specializes in metal recycling and has built several collaborative partnerships with local and regional entities to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials in new and innovative ways, according to a news release from Van Buren Conservation District.

Pratt Recycling is a Pratt Industries company that works with communities and businesses across America to maximize landfill diversion. Pratt utilizes the paper products collected in the production of its 100-percent recycled content paper and packaging solutions.

RRS, based in Michigan, is the largest consulting firm in the country that is specifically focused on material management across the entire supply chain, including recycling and composting.

SHAES acquires 2 bikes to use during summer events

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — First responders in the South Haven area now have another way to respond to emergencies that occur at outdoor events that draw large crowds.

South Haven Area Emergency Services has purchased two bikes for the department's use, especially during busy summer weekends when high traffic areas can be difficult to navigate with vehicles.

The idea for acquiring the bikes came about before the current pandemic, which this summer has reduced the number of traditional events, and the acquisition of the bikes was slowed because of supply-chain issues, according to South Haven Area Emergency Services Chief Brandon Hinz.

"We'll use them these remaining summer weeks," he said. "People will see our staff along the beaches or in the downtown area and we'll be ready for 2021 when things return to normal."

The bikes are equipped with a kit that contains first-aid equipment to be used until ambulance personnel arrive at the scene of an emergency.

The purchase of the bikes and first-aid equipment was made possible by a $7,000 grant from the Albemarle Corporation Foundation through its employee philanthropic initiative program. The grant also funded the purchase of water rescue equipment for the department's paid on-call staff.

The bikes were acquired through Rock 'N' Road Cycle of South Haven.

"We are grateful to owner Scott Zoet and his staff for helping identify the right bike and equipment for this purpose," Hinz said.

IN BRIEF

Berrien adds eight COVID-19 cases

Berrien County added eight new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, while also recording 15 recoveries.

The county is still at 69 total deaths.

Since the county began tracking COVID-19 cases, there have been 1,383 confirmed cases and 1,225 recoveries.

Van Buren County added five new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday. Cass County added one new case during that same time. Van Buren still has 13 total deaths and Cass has 15.

Attorney: Woman was in body bag 2 hours before found alive

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

DETROIT — An attorney for the family of a young woman found breathing at a Detroit funeral home after being declared dead said Tuesday the 20-year-old was in a body bag for some two hours before it was opened and she was discovered to be alive, with her eyes open.

Geoffrey Fieger, who was hired by Timesha Beauchamp's family, said she remains in critical condition at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit, where she is on a respirator and her heart is beating on its own.

"The doctors are unable to give a prognosis right now, and have indicated that it's touch and go," Fieger said during an online news conference.

Fieger said the family of the Southfield woman, who was born with cerebral palsy and has always needed constant medical care, are shaken by the blunder that led to her being incorrectly declared dead.

He read a statement from Timesha's mother, Erica Lattimore, who said that, "On behalf of the family we are devastated by what has happened. We would like people to continue to pray for Timesha and keep her family in their prayers."

Fieger said he's just begun investigating at the family's request what he called the "negligence" that led to Timesha being declared dead Sunday morning at the family's suburban Detroit home, only to be discovered to be alive after she arrived at the James H. Cole funeral home in Detroit.

He said he believes that after she was declared dead, police put Timesha in a body bag at her family's home and she was inside it, breathing, for about 2 1/2 hours before she arrived at the funeral home. Fieger said she was found to be alive as she was about to be embalmed.

"She was alive. Her eyes were open and she was breathing. My recollection is that the embalmer was actually there and was the person who opened the body bag," he said.

Timesha receives three breathing treatments every day that are needed due to her medical condition, Fieger said. On Sunday, the family called 911 about 7:30 a.m. after her mother and brother became concerned after her first breathing treatment and noticed she was in distress. He said Timesha had apparently suffered a seizure.

"It was at that time that the family noticed that her lips were pale, and that she had some secretions around her mouth and that she was having difficulty breathing. And the family called Steven, Timesha's brother, in and then they called 911," Fieger said.

He said police arrived within about 15 minutes and four paramedics also arrived at the family home. Fieger said the medical responders were told of Timesha's medical history, the medications she receives and about her daily breathing treatments.

Fieger said following live saving efforts, what happened next remains "very, very murky" to the family and himself but Timesha was declared to be dead, when she actually needed urgent medicare care.

"She needed medical treatment and needed transportation to a hospital, but got transportation to a funeral home," he said.

Fieger said she was declared dead even though her godmother, who he said is a registered nurse, told the paramedics she had seen Timesha breathing and she felt that she had a pulse. He said the paramedics dismissed the godmother's concerns, telling her drugs they had given Timesha were causing those movements.

"The godmother felt that she saw chest movements and felt that she had a pulse. She told the paramedics and the paramedics told her that the movements were involuntary and were the result of the medication. And they went, according to the family, a total of three times to Timesha's room to look at her," he said.

After she was declared dead, he said an officer with Southfield police gave the family his card, wrote on the back of it the medical examiner's number and told the family to provide that number to the funeral home when funeral home staff came to pick up Timesha. The funeral home was called at 9 a.m. and she was picked up about 11:25 a.m., he said, only to be discovered alive about 20 minutes later at the funeral home.

The city of Southfield said it's conducting an internal investigation but insisted that the fire and police departments followed procedures.

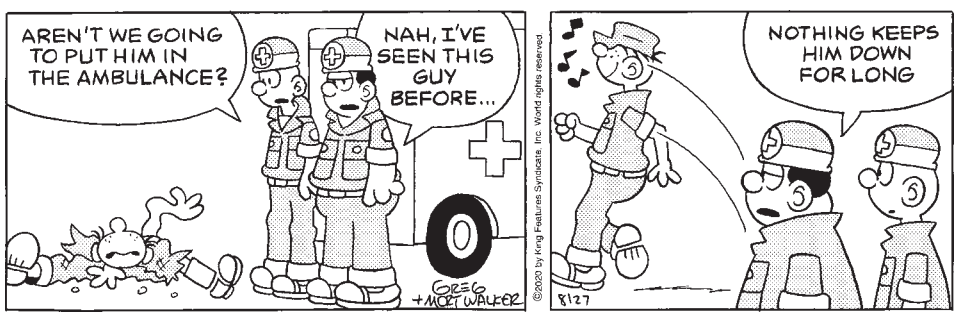
The Southfield fire department has acknowledged it was involved in Sunday's events, and said Monday in a statement that the situation began when a medical crew was summoned to a home on a report that a 20-year-old woman was unresponsive.

Paramedics tried to revive her for 30 minutes and consulted an emergency room doctor, the department said. The doctor "pronounced the patient deceased based upon medical information provided" from the scene, it said in Monday's statement.

The department said it then informed the Oakland County medical examiner's office of the death and the on-duty forensic pathologist "released the body" to the family.

Battalion Chief Chris Smith said Wednesday that the fire department's chief would have an updated statement, but he was uncertain when that would be released.

BEETLE BAILEY


AREN'T WE GOING TO PUT HIM IN THE AMBULANCE?
NAH, I'VE SEEN THIS GUY BEFORE...
GREG + MORT WALKER
NOTHING KEEPS HIM DOWN FOR LONG
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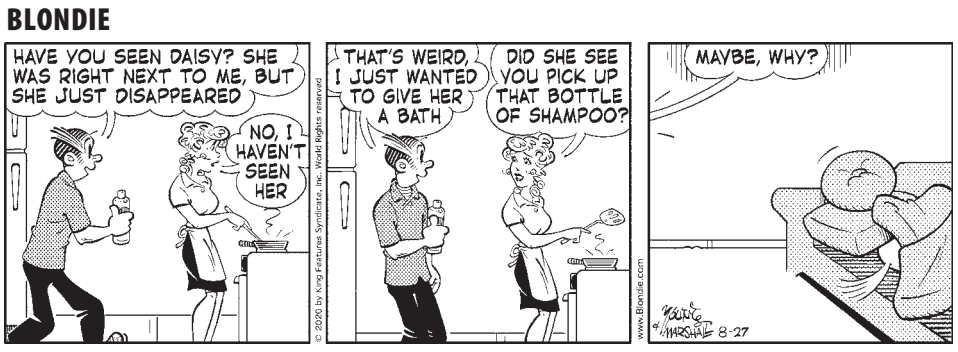
BLONDIE


HAVE YOU SEEN DAISY? SHE WAS RIGHT NEXT TO ME, BUT SHE JUST DISAPPEARED
NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HER
THAT'S WEIRD, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE HER A BATH
DID SHE SEE YOU PICK UP THAT BOTTLE OF SHAMPOO?
MAYBE, WHY?
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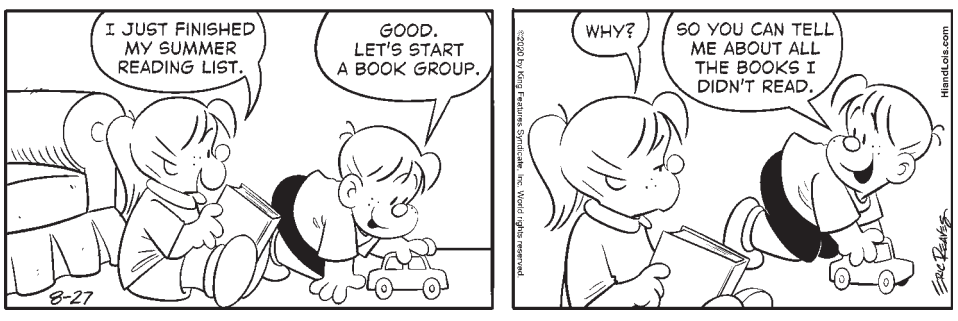
HI & LOIS


I JUST FINISHED MY SUMMER READING LIST.
GOOD. LET'S START A BOOK GROUP.
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WHY?
SO YOU CAN TELL ME ABOUT ALL THE BOOKS I DIDN'T READ.

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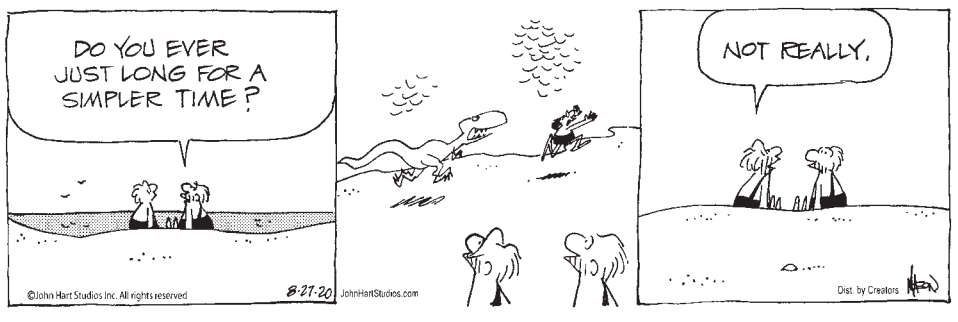

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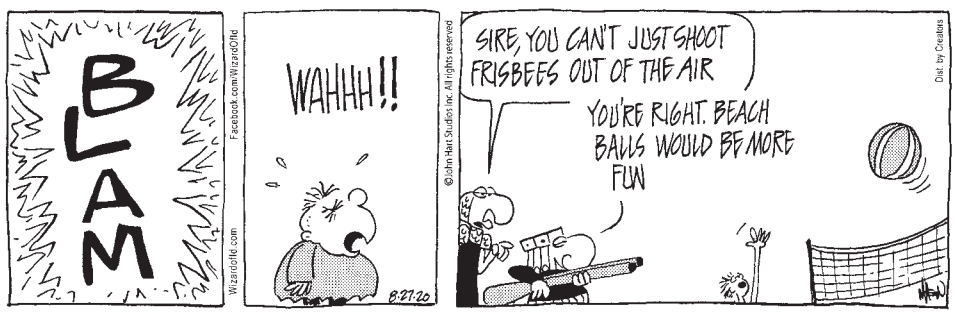

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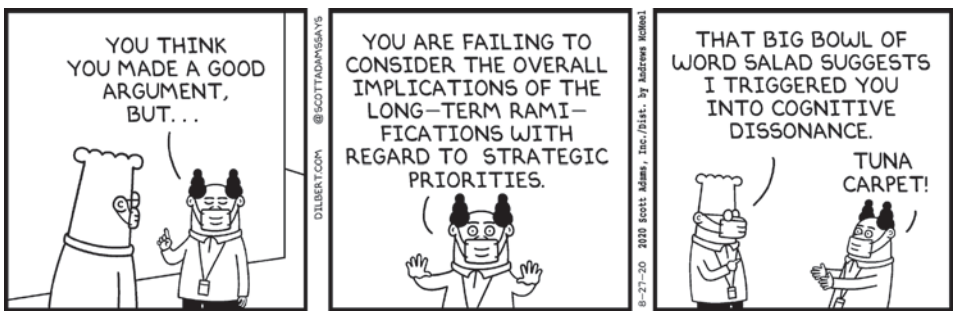
YOU THINK YOU MADE A GOOD ARGUMENT, BUT...
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YOU ARE FAILING TO CONSIDER THE OVERALL IMPLICATIONS OF THE LONG-TERM RAMIFICATIONS WITH REGARD TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES.
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THAT BIG BOWL OF WORD SALAD SUGGESTS I TRIGGERED YOU INTO COGNITIVE DISSONANCE.
TUNA CARPET!

GARFIELD

TODAY IS JUST LIKE YESTERDAY
GRASSHOPPERS HAVE TAKEN OVER MY UNDERWEAR DRAWER!
JUST EXACTLY LIKE YESTERDAY...
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FORT KNOX

IS THAT YOUR OLD PHONE??
YES IT IS, JOE.
HOLD PLEEZ
DOES IT STILL WORK??
APPARENTLY SO.
HOT SPOT
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HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GET IT OUT OF MONDO SO FAST?
5-GEE
WITH MY MOM'S FAMOUS CHILI RECIPE.
END CALL
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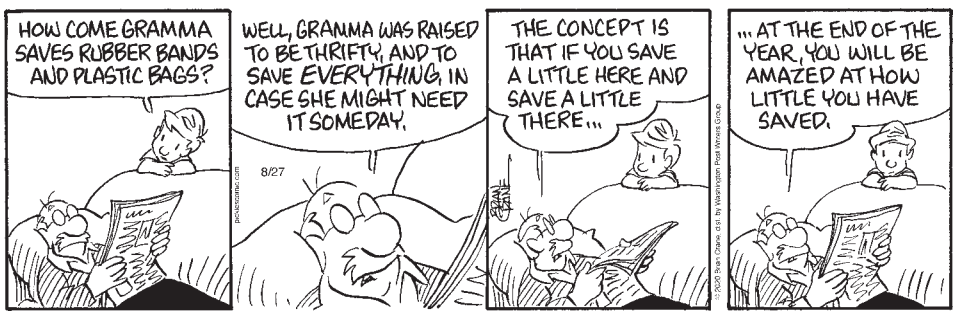
HOW COME GRAMMA SAVES RUBBER BANDS AND PLASTIC BAGS?
WELL, GRAMMA WAS RAISED TO BE THRIFTY, AND TO SAVE EVERYTHING, IN CASE SHE MIGHT NEED IT SOMEDAY.
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THE CONCEPT IS THAT IF YOU SAVE A LITTLE HERE AND SAVE A LITTLE THERE...
...AT THE END OF THE YEAR, YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT HOW LITTLE YOU HAVE SAVED.
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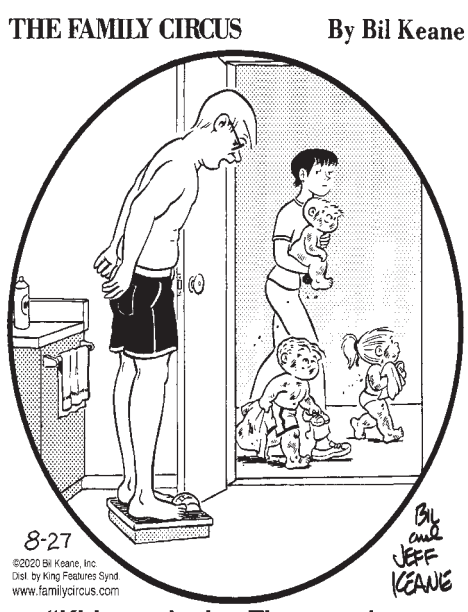
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Bil and JEFF KEANE
"Kids are lucky. They can lose weight just by taking a bath."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

WE SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE.
JUST THE TWO OF US?
YEAH. NO KIDS. JUST FOR A WHILE.
I KNOW THE PERFECT PLACE!
SEE? NO KIDS ANYWHERE!
NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

CURTIS

MY FATHER PAID A CHEMIST TO DEVELOP AN "ANTI-FAT" PILL AS A POTENTIAL CASH COW...
THIS LITTLE BABY IS GUARANTEED TO MELT AWAY ALL FAT IMMEDIATELY—AND I'LL BE THE FIRST TO TRY ONE!
WHO GUARANTEED IT, CLINICAL TRIALS OR THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION?
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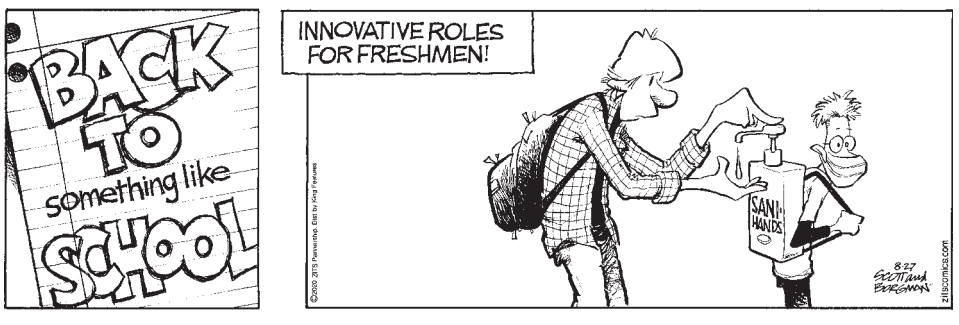
NO, MY DADDY GUARANTEED IT!
GULP!
BILL KINSLEY

ZITS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

THANKS FOR AGREEING TO GO TO THE THEATER WITH ME!
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I'M SORRY IT'S TAKING ME SO LONG TO GET READY!
YAWN
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ARE WE ATTENDING A PLAY OR ARE YOU AUDITIONING FOR ONE?
DEDWYLE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I'VE GOT A "MY PILLOW" WAITING FOR ME AT HOME
IT'S A NICE, LUXURY-SOFT, GOOSE DOWN-FILLED PILLOW
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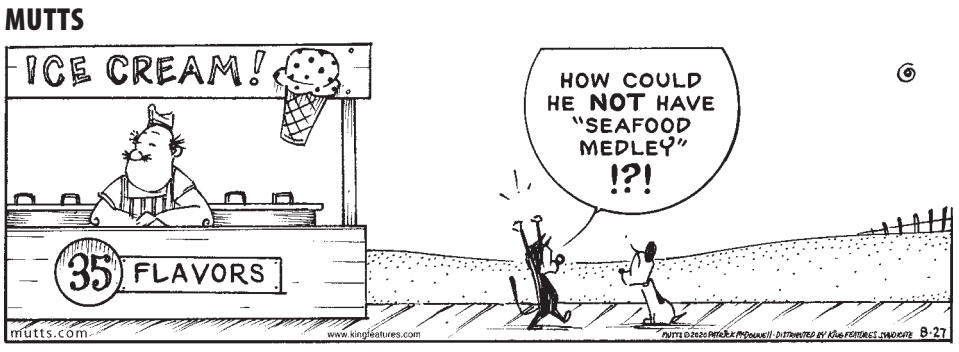
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

SO I'M GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE RIGHT AFTER LABOR DAY.
THAT'S WHEN I'M REOPENING MY STORE, SIS...
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KEEFE
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AT FIRST I WAS GOING TO HAVE AN "END OF SUMMER" SALE, BUT WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A SUMMER. THEN I WAS GOING TO HAVE A "BACK TO FALL" SALE, BUT WHO KNOWS HOW FALL MIGHT BE...
SO NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE A "WINTER OF MY DISCONTENT" SALE AND KNOCK BACK A SHOT WHENEVER SOMEONE BUYS SOMETHING OR JUST ENTERS THE STORE.
UM, YOU WILL HAVE SOMEONE WITH YOU WHEN YOU REOPEN, RIGHT, JACKIE?

The Herald-Palladium

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THIS WEEKEND'S

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING AUG. 27

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Holey Moley "Love at First Stroke"		To Tell the Truth CC (DVS)		The Republican National Convention	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		Love Island (N) CC		2020-Republican Convention	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall "Janeris and Jesenia" CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		2020 Republican Convention (N) (L)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	:00 MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers. From Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. (N) CC					Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	PBS NewsHour Convention Coverage "Republican National Convention" Coverage of the Republican Convention. (N) (L) CC					
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded "Mothman" (N)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Actual Physical Violence"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Disciple"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded "Mothman" (N)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Step by Step" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish "Hope"	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Fatal Mistake" CC		The First 48 "Skipping School/ Gamer"		:01 Court Cam	:32 Court Cam
AMC	GoodFellas ('90)	★★ The Expendables 2 ('12, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. CC				★★★ Total Recall ('90) CC	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	Thin Line-Love and Hate			Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son			
Big Ten	Wisconsin		Penn State		B1G	Penn State	
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC	
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	All Is Lost ('13)	★★ The Thing ('11) Mary Elizabeth Winstead. CC		:45 ★★ Saw ('04, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover. CC			
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Big ('88, Children's) Tom Hanks. CC					Cheaper
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Conv.	America's Choice 2020: Republican Natl. Convention				
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Homestead	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		Homestead Rescue CC		Homestead Rescue CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby
DIY	Insane	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	:45 ★ Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween					Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA.			
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball: Sky vs Fever			UFC Reloaded			
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Impossible (N)			Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		Fox News	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Detroit Tigers.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn	★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 ('12, Romance) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. CC					
FX	Greatest Show	★★★ Hidden Figures ('16) Taraji P. Henson. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space. CC					
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf BMW Championship, First Round. CC					
Hallmark	Love-Harbor	Surprised by Love ('15, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Paul Campbell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 The Vow	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel		★★ Shaft ('19, Action) Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie T. Usher. CC			
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Home	Christina/Coast		Christina/Coast		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	Decision	Republican		Republican National Convention			
MTV	Ridic.	Double Shot at Love		Revenge	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Short List	2020 Indianapolis 500 (Taped)					
NFL	:00 NFL Total Access (N) CC			NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Sponge.	★★ Ice Age: Continental Drift ('12)				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Detroit	Chapo Guzman		Narco State CC		Narco Wars	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	The Menendez Brothers 100 Special (N)				Snapped "Velma Ogden-Whitehead"	
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Hancock ('08) Will Smith. CC				The Italian Job	
Showtime	5:50 Amy ('15)	Shameless Ian ignores Lip. CC		On Becoming a God in Central Florida		We Hunt Together CC	
Starz	6:47 ★★ Jumanji: The Next Level ('19) Kevin Hart CC			8:53 ★★★ Shakespeare in Love ('98) Joseph Fiennes, Geoffrey Rush. CC			
STZENC	:04 ★★ Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins ('08) CC			★★ Think Like a Man ('12) Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara, Meagan Good. CC			
SyFy	6:25 ★★ Rush Hour 2 ('01, Action)		Men In Black 3 CC				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort "An Unwanted Surprise" (N)	
TCM	Tomorrow Is Forever	★★★★ It Happened One Night ('34) Claudette Colbert, Clark Gable. CC				★★★ The Egg and I ('47) CC	
TMC	6:30 Apollo 18	★★★ Silverado ('85, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn. (P). CC				:15 ★★ Mr. Brooks ('07) CC	
TNT	Ready	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Ready Player One	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Harry Potter	Cannonball "Cannonballed" (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
VH1	Body	★★★ What's Love Got to Do With It ('93) CC					Obsessed
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Couple planning wedding want to keep haters away

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have begun planning our wedding for next year. We have both been married before, so family doesn't think we should have a "big" celebration. Mom actually told me that it can't be as special as my first one.

While lying in bed the other night, we were discussing how to address people's opinions because we don't want our wedding day to be full of people complaining about being there, choices we made regarding our celebration and thinking they need to give us a gift. We would like to include a "disclaimer" saying something like, "If you're not truly happy for us, stay home!" I realize that etiquette would not allow us to do it. Do you have any suggestions for our situation? – Our "Big Day"

DEAR "BIG DAY": Many couples today have been married more than once. Your mother was correct when she told you this second wedding should be more low-key than the first. Rest assured that no one will attend your wedding who doesn't want to be there because attendance is not compulsory.

I'm glad you recognize that the "disclaimer" would be inappropriate. If you prefer your guests forgo giving you a gift, convey that by having someone else deliver it VERBALLY – such as your mother or members of your wedding party – when guests call to ask where you are registered. The wording should be: "They only want you to share in their happiness on this special day. No gift is expected or required."

DEAR ABBY: I have been married more than 40 years. We are now retired and moved to a small town a few years ago. My problem is my husband does almost nothing to help out around the house. I do the housekeeping, shopping, cooking, bill paying and most of the extensive outdoor upkeep. Although I was the primary breadwinner during our marriage, my husband thinks his "work" is now over.

He watches TV all day long, but when he does want to get out and do something, it must always include me. I'm sick of his face at this point. I'm sure I'm short-tempered at times because everything falls on my shoulders. When I ask him to do something or offer my "two cents," he accuses me of nagging and won't talk to me for days.

I hate this life! I don't think he would go to a marriage counselor because he feels I'm the problem. I think I want a divorce, but I don't want this lazy bum to get half of everything I've earned and saved. Help! – Irked In Idaho

DEAR IRKED: You have my sympathy, but you created this "monster" by tolerating your husband's laziness and controlling nature all these years. Because he won't talk to a marriage counselor doesn't mean that you shouldn't. It's important you learn coping skills to deal with his passive aggression, which is what the silent treatment is. If a licensed therapist can't help to relieve the pressure on you, then make an appointment with a lawyer to discuss what options you may have short of divorce. I'm crossing my fingers that you have some.

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Breaking the news that we've decided not to adopt a child after all

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am half of a married gay couple. My husband and I are backing out of an adoption scheduled to go through this winter.

When we got married, I was 50/50 on having a child and he was totally on Team "Let's Just Be DINKs (double income, no kids)," but I began to want a kid more, so we did the application.

Things have since changed and I don't want a baby anymore. I have come around to my husband's point and prefer to focus on each other and our careers. That's about as selfish a reason as exists for backing out, but it is the reason, and we are not leaving a particular child in the lurch (we would never do that).

I find myself unable to admit to friends we're backing out, so we are lying by omission to a lot of them. Is there a defensible way to explain that we have decided against having a child? – Backing Out

DEAR BACKING OUT: Noooooooooo to this: "That's about as selfish a reason as exists for backing out."

That is just not true. Selfishness is having a child you aren't 100 percent committed to only for appearances.

What you did was honest and brave.

Just own your decision with as little explanation as possible. "We're not going through with it after all." It's no one's business beyond that, but if anyone asks, "It's complicated."

There's also, "Please respect our privacy," as needed for the hard cases. They'll assume reasons much worse than they are, but anyone nosy enough to get this deep into your supply of deflections would probably make stuff up anyway, without prompting. Don't feed them.

REGARDING BACKING OUT: You could just tell people it "didn't work out." If they press you for details, you can just say you really don't want to talk about it. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Thanks.

DEAR CAROLYN: When a friend has been angry with you for your behavior, and you apologize, should you talk about the 25 percent of the friendship problems they caused? Or just eat crow and hope for the best? – Making Up

DEAR MAKING UP: Not sure "eat crow and hope for the best" is ever the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

But it depends on how bad your behavior was. The aftermath of causing someone tangible harm is not the best time to say, "And by the way, you did X."

If you can be genuine in your contrition *and* not tone-deaf in your concerns, then it's probably healthier to air them: "I handled it terribly, and I'm sorry for that, but my underlying objection/concern remains. I hope we can still talk about [blank]." You'll either get a yes, a no. Good luck.

REGARDING MAKING UP: I have hated when people apologize for their behavior then immediately bring up something they say makes me just as bad [and up until this point never mentioned].

It always seems like a non-apology, a "sorry, but," as the floodgates of grievances open. I like to say my apology and, unless it's directly related to the grievance at hand, wait for the next time they do something to air my grievance. – Aggrieved

DEAR AGGRIEVED: Right. But if it *is* related, then air it as part of the larger reckoning. Thanks.

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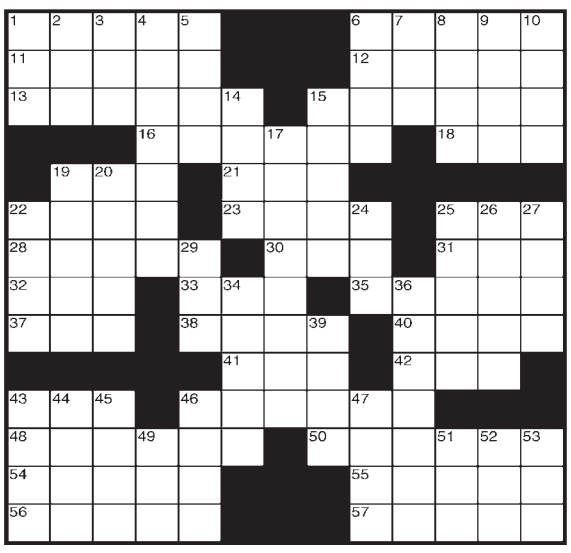

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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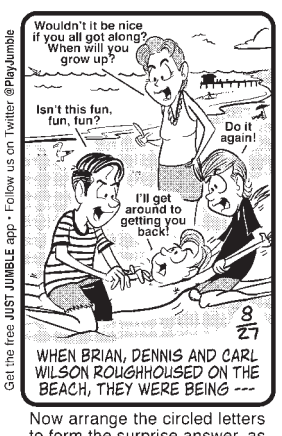
Wouldn't it be nice if you all got along? When will you grow up?
Isn't this fun, fun, fun?
Do it again!
I'll get around to getting you back!
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WHEN BRIAN, DENNIS AND CARL WILSON ROUGHHOUSED ON THE BEACH, THEY WERE BEING ---

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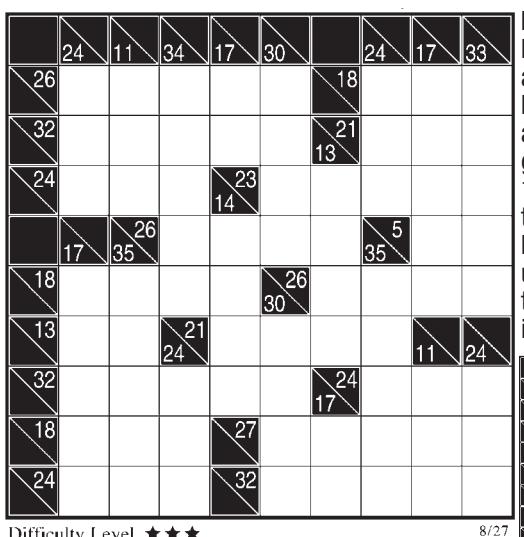
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ____ - ____ "

(Answers tomorrow)

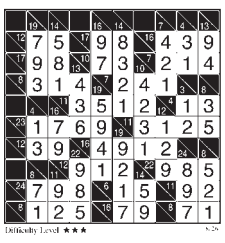
Yesterday's Jumbles: WEARY ANKLE FONDUE FRIGHT
Answer: People thought the twins were identical, but their mom — KNEW DIFFERENT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/27

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Michel de Montaigne, who was a 16th-century essayist and philosopher, wrote, "When I am attacked by gloomy thoughts, nothing helps me so much as running to my books."

For a bridge player, nothing helps so much as turning to a deck of cards. But you need to think clearly to play well. Just pulling the card nearest your thumb will rarely work.

This deal was declared thoughtfully by Ilana Barness from Israel. How did she plan to make four spades after a club lead? What was West's more effective opening salvo?

That South hand had only four high-card points, but it included two five-card majors and a void. Barness realized that if she could find a good fit with her partner, she would win a lot of tricks.

Declarer knew that when you have a two-suited hand, you should play on the side suit first. So, after discarding a diamond on dummy's club king, Barness continued with the ace and another heart. East returned a club, declarer pitching a second diamond. Now came the spade king, East dropping the jack. Barness knew that this was more likely to be a singleton than from the doubleton queen-jack. So she abandoned trumps. Instead, she cashed dummy's diamond ace, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart, ruffed a club and ruffed a heart. There were three cards left, West having only trumps. Declarer led a diamond from the dummy and discarded her winning heart 10. West ruffed but had to lead away from her spade queen-nine into declarer's ace-10.

The only winning opening lead was the diamond king, but how could West have found that?

North 08-27-20
♠ K 7 3
♥ A 2
♦ A 9 7 6
♣ A K 9 6

West
♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ Q J 8 7
♦ K
♣ Q J 4 3

East
♠ J
♥ K 6
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ 10 8 7 5 2

South
♠ A 10 5 4 2
♥ 10 9 5 4 3
♦ 10 5 3
♣ —

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

	2	8	3	6				9
7		3		1				6
5	6					8	3	1
3				8	7			
				4				
			1	9				7
2	5	6					9	4
4				5		2		8
8				3	2	6	7	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	2	7	9	6	8	1	3	5
6	3	9	7	1	5	8	2	4
1	8	5	2	3	4	7	6	9
7	6	3	8	9	1	5	4	2
5	9	8	4	7	2	3	1	6
2	1	4	3	5	6	9	7	8
9	5	1	6	2	3	4	8	7
8	7	2	1	4	9	6	5	3
3	4	6	5	8	7	2	9	1

Bears, Shamrocks teams to beat in boys tennis

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

Defending regional team champions St. Joseph and Berrien Springs are the teams that again should dominate their respective divisions in area boys tennis competition this fall.

Coach Brian Norris' Bears, despite some major graduation losses, return a wealth or talent from the squad that placed tied for 10th at the division 3 state finals. As do coach Dave Shembarger's Shamrocks, who placed 17th at the D4 state finals.

"Our goal is to win (D3) regional and make it back to the state finals," Norris said. "We have solid senior leadership, but our doubles teams need experience."

"I'd be a little disappointed if we didn't repeat as (D4) regional and (BCS) conference champs," said Shembarger.

The D3 regional will be held Oct. 11 at Sturgis. The D4 regional will be hosted by Paw Paw on Oct. 10.

St. Joseph

Coach Norris will be counting heavily on three returning seniors in Justin Waldman, Athan Gregory and Grant Banasik. Waldman is a returning first team (SMAC) all-conference player and will be at No. 1 singles this year. Gregory was a regional finalist, and will play No. 1 doubles this fall. Banasik will be at No. 2 singles.

"We lost five of six players who made first team or honorable mention all-conference, so we have some shoes to fill," noted Norris.

Other returning starters include sophomore Harsh Gupta, juniors Tyler Romano and senior Levi Beam. Other seniors expected to lead the way are Owen Faulkner, Nick Clancy, Arya Pandit and Kevin Wang.

Lakeshore

Coach Mark Ficks returns eight of 12 starters.

"We should be a good team, one that is much deeper than last year's," Ficks said.

Returning starters include seniors Charlie Gaishy, Nolan Wilford, Sam Bredeweg and Tyler Coates, plus juniors Tristan Ficks and Ishaan Gupta and sophomores Josh Pauls, Landon Coates and Ethan Mealman.

"Our singles appear set, but our doubles situation is subject to change," added Ficks. The four singles spots will be manned by Tyler Coates, Landon Coates, Tristan Ficks and sophomore Robbie Wessendorf.

Berrien Springs

"We're young but doing quite well in practice," Shembarger said.

The only starting spots still up for grabs are No. 4 singles and No. 3 doubles. Top singles players will be sophomore Paul Cho, junior Payton Anderson, and sophomore Yeon Woo Seo.

Key doubles players include Zach Nannfeldt, Brandon Tripp, Erik Belin, Adam Johnson, Jack Elliot, Nate Giessner and Xavier Haack.

Bridgman/New Buffalo

This co-op program included Lake Michigan Catholic in the past, but Catholic has dropped all fall sports to do the coronavirus pandemic.

"They would have had our Nos. 2 and 3 singles returning," noted coach Amy Ingle.

So now, Ingle returns six starters instead of eight. They are seniors Chase Strother and Adam Knigga, juniors Trevor Mulick, Trey Heyn, Ellie Kroeze and Matt DeMeulenaere, plus sophomore Angelo Ciccarelli.

Strother, who won regional at No. 4 singles, will be at No. 1 singles this fall.

In addition, three football players (Will Ott, Tyle Schmidtke and Brady Roberts) have joined the team due to their season being canceled.

South Haven

Coach Kevin Powell returns 10 players in seniors Garrett Smith, Lars Larson and Jina Patel, juniors Tyler Ferrell, Linus Resek, Ethan Cole and Danny Riston, plus sophomores Kalen O'Sullivan, Alex Patel and Eddie Solis. Ferrell will start at No. 1 singles.

MHSAA says it's still waiting on governor

By STEVE KAMINSKI
mlive.com

Time is running out if there is going to be boys soccer, volleyball and girls swimming this fall in Michigan.

That's what Michigan School Athletic Association executive director Mark Uyl said during Wednesday's appearance on The Huge Show. While no deadline has been set, he added that the clock is ticking.

Uyl emphasized to radio show host Bill Simonson that the three sports that remain in limbo are all set to let the games, matches and meets begin. After all, teams have been practicing across Michigan since Aug. 12.

However, Uyl reminded listeners once again that the MHSAA needs approval from Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to let those sports proceed. The three sports are permitted in the Upper Peninsula and northern lower Michigan, however, the rest of the state continues to play the waiting game.

"I would think that the calendar, the date and the month has to begin with the letter A," Uyl said when asked for a deadline. "It needs to be soon, and right now, conversations are ongoing. We need help soon. Once that calendar turns from August to September, that just becomes bigger and bigger obstacles. The most honest answer is soon.

"What our position and what our schools' position is and what the schools are ready to do have been made very, very clear. It's now up to downtown Lansing (governor's office) to make some decisions and give some guidance about what's going to be allowed and what isn't."

MARK UYL
Executive Director, MHSAA

"We have not put a date to it yet, but like I said, if this is going to be acceptable in some parts of the states in those three sports, then the other part of the state deserve a yes or no answer as soon as possible."

The MHSAA has already postponed the football season to the spring, and plans continue to be developed. Action has begun for boys and girls cross country runners, girls golfers and boys tennis players since those sports are deemed low risk.

However, soccer, volleyball and swimming are classified as moderate risk sports. In addition, high school gymnasiums and pools remain closed even as schools are opening across Michigan this week.

"Conversations are literally ongoing," Uyl said. "What our position and what our schools' position is and what the schools are ready to do have been made very, very clear. It's now up to downtown Lansing (governor's office) to make some decisions and give some guidance about what's going to be allowed and what isn't.

"This is no longer a decision that we as the MHSAA can make. We have to make sure that we are following all current executive orders, which essentially right now is the issue. The governor's office is aware of that right now and we are continuing to work together right now on the resolution.

"We also are communicating loud and clear that the clock here is ticking, that right now everybody is limbo, and this is not fair to our kids and our coaches. If the answer is no, we need to know that. We haven't gotten that answer yet, and because of that, we are going to continue to fight, to push and to advocate for what our kids, our coaches and our schools are telling us to do."

SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

Thursday's games
Girls golf
Lakeshore, St. Joseph at SMAC Inv., 10
Saturday's games
Boys tennis
St. Joseph at Zeeland East Team Duals, 9
Rick Fedoruk Shamrock Inv. (Berrien Springs), 9

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys
at Lake Township Park

BRIDGMAN 30, WATERVLIET 34, EAU CLAIRE 69

Bridgman – 1. Luke Blesy 18:23.2, 4. John Sanderson 19:59.6, 7. Nathan Blied 20:37.9, 8. Jayce Warren 20:45.5, 10. AJ Hackett 20:59.7.
Watervliet – 2. German Casiano 19:32.2, 3. Ezra Troyer 19:50.2, 5. Camdon Geisler 20:10.2, 11. Abel Villareal 21:14.1, 13. Aaron Leoni 22:37.1.
Eau Claire – 6. Edward Lopez 20:17.7, 9. Adam Blankenship 20:55.7, 20. Aiden Fisher 27:36.4.

Girls

BRIDGMAN 16, WATERVLIET 48

Bridgman – 1. Karseyn Stewart 22:22.9, 2. Arie Hackett 23:21.7, 3. Summer Fast 23:53.5, 4. Jane Kaspar 25:26.1, 6. Khloe Davis 26:53.9.
Watervliet – 5. Morgan Lowell 26:17.3, 8. Aria Richards 29:54.9, 9. Abby Lomoro 30:33.0, 10. Megan Trapp 30:34.3, 11. Brenda Romero 31:33.2.

at Riverview Park, Tuesday
Boys exhibition

ST. JOSEPH 28, LAKESHORE 29

St. Joseph – 2. Andrew Moyer 18:30.9, 4. Will Fiesbeck 19:04.4, 6. Jacob Haunhorst 19:37.6, 7. Michael Melvoin 19:43.3, 9. Sam Adkins 20:03.1.
Lakeshore – 1. Race Bettich 16:40.9, 3. Grant Rose 18:40.8, 5. Lucas Balkema 19:18.1, 8. Charlie Ogata 19:447, 15. Sam Stephens 20:58.9.
Girls exhibition

ST. JOSEPH 25, LAKESHORE 30

St. Joseph – 2. Ceci Ruchti 21:31.5, 3. Grace Kelley 21:55.0, 43. Riley Mullen 22:27.8, 6. Lauren Koch 24:00.9, 10. Eleah Hedstrom 25:10.5.
Lakeshore – 1. Emily Peters 20:49.9, 5. Olivia Smith 22:29.4, 7. Abigail Winsman 24:22.8, 8. Rachel Vroegop 24:25.5, 9. Lanie Brant 24:27.1.

MLB

American League
Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox 10, Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 1, 7 innings, 1st game
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Yankees 1, 7 innings, 2nd game
Toronto 9, Boston 1
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Detroit 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Cleveland 6, MInnesota 3
Oakland at Texas
Kansas City at St. Louis
Seattle at San Diego, ppd.
Thursday's Games
Seattle (Kikuchi 0-2) at San Diego (Richards 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Mazza 0-1) at Toronto (Ryu 2-1), 6:37 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 2-1) at Texas (Lyles 1-3), 6:37 p.m.
Baltimore (Means 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 0-2), 6:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Dobnak 5-1) at Detroit (Boyd 0-4), 7:10 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Games
Chicago White Sox 10, Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 1, 7 innings, 1st game
Atlanta 2, N.Y. Yankees 1, 7 innings, 2nd game
Philadelphia 3, Washington 2
Detroit 7, Chicago Cubs 6
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4
Kansas City at St. Louis,
Seattle at San Diego, ppd.
Colorado at Arizona
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, ppd.
Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-1) at St. Louis (Kim 1-0), 3:15 p.m., 1st game
Seattle (Kikuchi 0-2) at San Diego (Richards 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Miley 0-3) at Milwaukee (Lindblom 1-1), 5:10 p.m., 1st game
Colorado (Freeland 2-1) at Arizona (Gallen 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Howard 0-1) at Washington (Scherzer 2-1), 6:37 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ponce 0-1) at St. Louis (Oviedo 0-0), 6:45 p.m., 2nd game
Miami (Sánchez 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-0) at San Francisco (Webb 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (TBD) at Milwaukee (TBD), 8:40 p.m., 2nd game

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Slow down. Keep your plans moving at a steady and practical pace. Your reliability will be crucial when it comes to progress and advancement this year. Stretch your mind, learn new skills and be open to trying something different. Be open to suggestions and assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be rational. If you let your emotions take the reins, you will make poor decisions. Aim to lower stress by eschewing no-win situations. Distance yourself from manipulative people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Take care of matters that others have ignored. Refuse to let others put demands on you without offering something substantial in return for your efforts. Pick up the pace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Ask for help, and you will get what you want. Schedule something special for yourself and someone you love to encourage a closer bond. Personal growth and enlightenment are featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Prepare for the unexpected. You'll have to be quick on your feet if you want to avoid a situation riddled with uncertainty. You are ready to do your own thing, so act like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Go after your dreams. Take advantage of an offer that can help you get ahead. Refuse to get involved in a no-win situation. Wheel and deal to come out on top.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't get caught in a backlog of paperwork. Take care of responsibilities and bureaucratic issues. Find a way to contribute to a cause or your community to boost your confidence and reputation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take hold of whatever situation you find yourself in, and you will gain the respect of your peers. A personal change will turn out better than anticipated. Romance is on the rise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Complete unfinished projects before you move on to something new. Don't let emotions interfere with your progress. It's up to you to avoid confrontations. Stick to your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Time is on your side. Don't feel the need to accommodate someone pressuring you to make a snap decision. Taking your time is in your best interest. Romance is featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep your opinions to yourself. The less others know about your beliefs, the better. Gather information that will help you assess important relationships. Leave nothing to chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Look for financial opportunities, and don't be afraid to do things differently. Focus on the positive and be willing to compromise if you want to receive the help you need.

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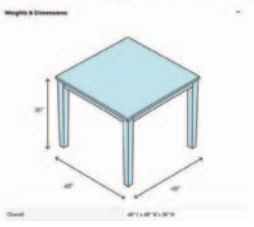

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Case No. 20 JC 98
Date of Birth: 03/11/2008

To: Unknown Father
Additional identifying information:
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Place of Conception: Presumed to be Berrien Co, MI
Date of birth: March 11, 2008
Place of birth: St. Joseph, MI
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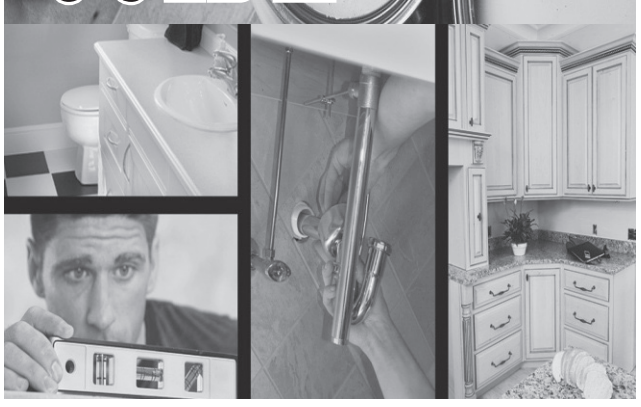

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Even a garden can start a fight

Byron York

It has long been accepted, at least in some circles, that there is a condition known as Trump Derangement Syndrome. But if there are still any skeptics out there, consider the reaction to first lady Melania Trump's renovation of the White House Rose Garden.

The modern version of the garden was created during the Kennedy administration and updated during the first year of the Reagan administration. It was a living thing, something intended to grow and change.

In 1981, first lady Nancy Reagan asked the godmother of the garden, philanthropist Bunny Mellon, who created the original design for Jacqueline Kennedy, "to return to the White House and re-energize the planting that had become lackluster over the preceding 20 years," according to a report by the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. "Mrs. Mellon suggested removing two of the crabapple [trees] in each bed and pruning them back into shape ... along with new plantings of lilies and roses." In other words, Mellon did not view the garden as an unchangeable monument.

That was 40 years ago. In that time, parts of the garden have grown out of their original proportions, while use of the garden for events, from news conferences to parties, has increased. Working with Mrs. Trump, the Committee for the Preservation of the White House conducted a study and produced a 200-page report on the state of the garden. Among other things, they found some of the infrastructure of the garden was a mess. "Loose and exposed wires were found everywhere and connected using electrical tape," the report said.

Infrastructure improvements, and much more, were part of the first lady's update of the garden. "The changes you see are the result of a thoughtful and collaborative process carefully crafted with the help of scholars and experts in architecture, horticulture, design and historic preservation," Mrs. Trump said at an event christening the garden on a recent Saturday. "This renewal included improvements to the infrastructure and utilities, allowing this beautiful garden to more readily meet the needs of a busy White House. These improvements also make the garden fully accessible to all Americans, including those with disabilities." (As for power cables and wiring, they are hidden beneath a newly installed path of limestone pavers.)

So what's the problem? When the garden improvements were announced, you might have thought the first lady had created the set for a new Nuremberg rally. "The Trump family did its best to turn the lovely Rose Garden into a neo-fascist parade ground," tweeted longtime Washington journalist Howard Fineman.

A former New York Times reporter, Kurt Eichenwald, who has been the source of much erratic commentary in the Trump era, targeted Melania Trump's background. (Born in Slovenia, the first lady came to the United States 24 years ago and became a naturalized U.S. citizen 14 years ago, in 2006.) "It is a destruction of our history, something no other first lady had the gall to do," Eichenwald tweeted. "This is the first time I have been furious that @FLOTUS is a foreigner. She has no right to wreck our history." Eichenwald took some hits on Twitter for his xenophobia and later deleted his tweet.

Critics posted photos of the old Rose Garden in full bloom in spring alongside the newly redesigned garden with the normal fewer blooms in August. And then political Twitter pounced. "Devoid of color, they somehow brought a white supremacy vibe to the #RoseGarden," said one tweet. "The Trumps are all Satan," said another. "You took away all of the colors and turned Jackie Kennedy's beautiful Rose Garden into a funeral home for white supremacists," said another. "She was going for that 'Nuremberg rally grounds' look," said yet another. "I seriously hate the Demon and his wife," said one more. "Look at what they ruined. I can't wait until Jill Biden is first lady and brings back the #RoseGarden full of flowers, trees and nothing but sheer vibrance."

The short version: In a matter of hours, the Rose Garden had become just another battleground in the Trump wars, like the post office but even sillier. The first lady's effort was serious, carefully done and needed. (And, like the original garden, paid for by private funds.) But everything is fair game in today's supercharged political atmosphere. Even flowers.

Byron York is a columnist for The Washington Examiner.

LETTERS

Postal service is no laughing matter

Editor,

Several weeks ago our president said that the U.S. Postal Services is a joke. Well, I am not laughing. I am very dependent on the postal service.

I receive two newspapers through the postal service. I receive Time magazine and several other magazines through the mail. I also receive my medicines from the VA through the mail.

I, and many average Americans, are very dependent on the U.S. Postal Service. So what can we do?

We can go vote on election day. Our future may depend on our vote.

Donald Holmes Buchanan

3 steps Trump must take if he hopes to defeat Biden

Carl Leubsdorf

The weeks preceding the Republican National Convention saw far more focus on where President Donald Trump would give his acceptance speech than what he would say in it.

But Trump's nightly convention appearances – climaxed by the Thursday night acceptance speech – are providing the first tangible signs of how the GOP hopes to cut his pre-convention electoral deficit to Joe Biden, glossing over Trump's missteps and portraying his rival as weak, socialist and unqualified.

Biden's strong acceptance speech may have complicated the selling of that portrait. To win this election, the president may need to take at least three major steps between now and Nov. 3 that he has heretofore resisted.

■ Better manage the COVID-19 pandemic. The effort by many of this week's convention speakers to praise Trump's management of the crisis conflicts with reality, as well as with polls showing the public has rejected his laissez faire approach.

His persistent predictions the pandemic would gradually disappear have proven untrue. The economy remains in recession. And Trump faces skepticism by hailing each development in the search for an anti-COVID vaccine as a breakthrough after his prior efforts to sell questionable panaceas such as hydroxychloroquine.

Still, the president can strengthen his standing by increasing federal managing of the testing and other aspects of the situation, easing his opposition to an expanded congressional bailout of states and cities and helping to speed additional relief for the millions still not working.

He could even borrow from Biden by setting national standards for enhanced testing, and he could stop his efforts to play favorites among the states by helping Republican governors more than Democrats.

He could also increase federal pressure on states like Georgia that refused to put sufficient strictures into place and suffered an unexpectedly big increase in COVID-19 infections.

By changing his emphasis, Trump could cut his potential electoral losses among older voters most fearful of contracting the coronavirus and most concerned he has not done enough to diminish the dangers to them.

■ Set forth a second term agenda. On several occasions, Trump has been asked about what he hopes to accomplish in a second term and has changed the subject.

On Monday, he listed some generalized goals like further increasing defense spending and seeking more trade agreements. And he pledged to create 10 million jobs and 1 million small businesses in 10 months, presumably by restoring those lost because of the pandemic.

His next opportunity is Thursday night's acceptance speech. Though aides said he would stress his first term record, presidential elections are often about the future. That's why Biden included some steps he hopes to take in his acceptance speech, and Melania Trump did so in her convention speech Tuesday night.

It could help Trump to go beyond generalities or things he failed to achieve in his first term, like replacing Obamacare, which is still operating despite his efforts to weaken it.

He has talked about additional tax cuts including extending the recently implemented temporary payroll tax holiday. But the soaring federal deficit may limit realistic prospects for enacting additional reductions.

■ Slow the tempo of his tweets and his rhetoric. Polls show Trump has lost some support among voters who like his judicial nominations, the 2017 tax cut and the cutback in federal regulations.

The reason is that those voters are turned off by the president's incessant tweeting, the harshness of his commentary and the self-induced chaos in the White House. As a result, a president who made virtually no effort to broaden his base by appealing to voters who opposed him in 2016 is in danger of driving away some who voted for him and would do so again.

Judging from recent polling, Trump can't afford to lose those voters. They represent the gap between the 46 percent of voters who voted for him in 2016, and the smaller portion who say he's doing a good job in office. Trump's job approval rating has ranged between the upper 30s and the mid-40s.

Though minor party nominees are likely to attract far fewer votes this year than in 2016, Trump still doesn't need 50 percent to win. Massive Democratic majorities in California and New York mean Biden will likely emulate Hillary Clinton by getting more popular votes, whether he wins the election.

What Trump need is to cut Biden's current national margin of about 8 points in half if he is to repeat his "inside straight" of 2016, when he won the election by carrying Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin by a total of just 77,000 votes.

But Trump won't succeed if, despite a concerted convention effort, he loses too many voters who agree with his policies.

Trump may be able to win reelection without a full second term agenda. But he may struggle to do so unless he tones down his often divisive rhetoric.

And he is even less likely to succeed without convincing more Americans that, if he wins a second term, he will do a better job managing the pandemic than he has done so far.

Carl P. Leubsdorf is the former Washington bureau chief of the Dallas Morning News.

To be African American is to be appraised

Leonard Pitts

It comes early in an African American life.

Before "Pomp and Circumstance" is played.

Before the corsage and the limousine ride.

Before final exam, favorite teacher and science project.

Before first kiss.

Before any of that, someone has appraised you – millions of someones who have never met nor even seen you. And they have decided yours is a life that matters less. The consequences of that decision, often made implicitly, below the level of conscious thought, can be brutal.

Which brings us to Jacob Blake. The 29-year-old African American father was shot in the back at close range Sunday by police in Kenosha, Wis., less than an hour south of Milwaukee. Witnesses say he had been breaking up an argument. A video taken from across the street shows him walking away, ignoring police who yell at him, guns drawn. As he tries to get into his parked SUV where three of his children are reportedly waiting, an officer grabs him by his tank top shirt. Blake opens the car door and seven shots are fired.

At this writing, he's in a hospital, clinging to life.

America is a racist nation. This is a plain fact codified by history and statistics, by the fact that George Zimmerman walks free while a Black man in Mississippi is doing 12 years for possession of a cellphone. Yet, as indisputable as that fact is, it is still reflexively disputed. Already, people are popping up on social media like weeds after the rain, claiming Jacob Blake caused his own shooting.

As if there is ever justification for shooting an unarmed man multiple times in the back.

But they must put forward this ludicrous defense because to do otherwise is to threaten the fiction of white innocence. It is to admit that what caused Blake to get shot was an appraisal made before he and those officers ever met.

Before the dance in the middle school gym.

Before Mom's kiss became embarrassing.

Before science projects and book reports.

Before laughing so hard milk snorts out of your nose.

Indeed, six years ago, the U.S. Department of Education documented racial bias toward African American preschoolers, who, it turns out, are significantly more likely to be suspended than their white playmates. And if you think that's bad: Days before Blake was shot came a study from George Mason University quantifying bias in the treatment of Black newborns.

Newborns.

In their analysis of 1.8 million Florida hospital births, researchers found that those babies were three times more likely to die when treated by white doctors than Black ones. The mortality rate for white newborns, on the other hand, was stable regardless of the doctor's race.

It is news that sickens but does not surprise. One thinks of the people making excuses for the shooting of Jacob Blake, how they also made excuses for Trayvon, Tamir, Michael, Rodney, Amadou, how they draw themselves up in wounded indignation when you tell them the truth about America.

And one wonders how long it will be – how many fathers shot, how many newborns dead – before they evolve the moral courage to understand America as African Americans do, to admit that what was true in the antebellum years is true still. To be Black and American is to be appraised, coldly and implicitly.

Before the first diaper change.

Before the first cry.

Before the memory of angel song fades from brand new ears.

Before the beginning.

And every day until the end.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Rely on science, not Trump, on COVID-19

The coronavirus has killed more than 800,000 people worldwide and roughly 177,000 in the U.S.

Over 23 million people worldwide and more than 5.7 million in America have contracted COVID-19. Millions of jobs and billions in wealth have been lost, and learning has been disrupted for students from kindergarten to college.

The health, economic, social and governing crises make clear the extent of the coronavirus catastrophe. Widely available and more effective treatments – and ultimately a vaccine – can't come soon enough.

But the timetable should be measured by medical efficacy, not "Trump time," which is the term used by White House trade adviser Peter Navarro when he confronted Food and Drug Administration officials over COVID treatments and the medical supply chain, according to an Axios report.

President Donald Trump was just as blunt, tweeting (what else?) an unfounded accusation that the FDA was slowing treatment for political purposes. ...

On Sunday, Trump announced that the FDA had authorized emergency approval of convalescent plasma for use in COVID patients. While some 70,000 people have already received some form of the promising treatment, no randomized clinical trials have yet been completed to give a more complete picture of its effectiveness. ...

The virus is apolitical. The medical response should be, too. And the next critical steps in the nation's battle to stop the spread should be determined by science, lest the COVID statistics grow even more grim.

– Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Officials change virus testing advice, bewildering experts

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials have sparked criticism and confusion after posting guidelines on coronavirus testing from the White House task force that run counter to what scientists say is necessary to control the pandemic.

The new guidance says it is not necessary for people who don't feel sick but have been in close contact with infected people to get tested. It was posted earlier this week on the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC previously had advised local health departments to test people who have been within 6 feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes. But on Monday a CDC testing overview page was changed to say that testing is no longer recommended for symptom-less people who were in close contact situations.

There was a caveat, however. Testing may be recommended for those with health problems that make them more likely to suffer severe illness from an infection, or if their doctor or local state officials advise they get tested.

CDC officials referred all questions to the agency's parent organization, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. That suggests that HHS ordered the change, not CDC, said Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins University public health researcher.

After twitter lit up with head-scratching and alarm about the change, HHS officials sent an email Wednesday saying the guidance was revised "to reflect current evidence and the best public health interventions," but did not detail what the new evidence was.

The officials also said they wanted to emphasize that people should follow measures designed to help stop spread of the virus, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others and washing hands.

The decision came out of meetings of a White House coronavirus task force, HHS officials said.

In a call with reporters later Wednesday, Dr. Brett Giroir, the HHS assistant secretary for health, said the guidance language came from the CDC. But he also said many people were involved in "lots of editing, lots of input." He said federal officials achieved consensus but it was difficult to attribute the final language to any one source.

"Its kind of hard to know how much was written by what person," Giroir said.

Across the country, public health experts called the change bizarre. They noted that testing contacts of infected people is a core element of public health efforts to keep outbreaks in check, and that a large percentage of infected people – the CDC has said as many as 40 percent – exhibit no symptoms.

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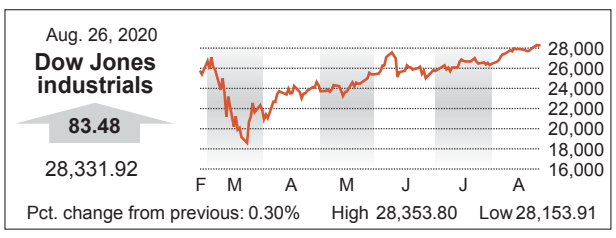

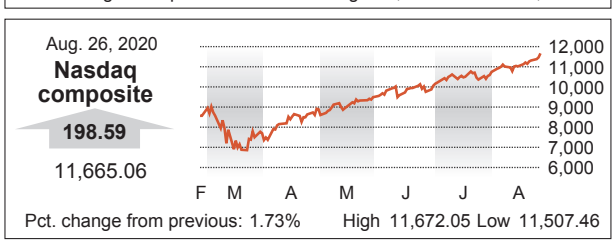

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Donald Lee Noah

Sept. 28, 1930 – Aug. 24, 2020

Longtime St. Joseph resident Donald Lee Noah passed away Aug. 24, 2020, at the age of 89. To his children and grandchildren, he left a legacy of love for family, hard work, red hair, appreciation for the outdoors, and extensive knowledge of fishing and hunting.

Don was born in Grand Rapids, on Sept. 28, 1930, the eldest child of Mary and Leo Noah. He graduated from Wayland High School and went on to attend The University of Michigan under an ROTC scholarship. Financing college was challenging and he earned money playing bridge in tournaments across the state with his grandfather as his partner. He was a member of the DKE fraternity and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. Don was a lifelong University of Michigan fan and boasted that several of his children and grandchildren were U of M alumni also.

While at U of M, Don met the love of his life, Alice Richmond. They celebrated 50 years of marriage before she passed away in 2004.

Don served in the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer on the USS Randall. He didn't see any combat, but did see a lot of ports in the world. After his discharge, Don and Alice moved to her hometown of St. Joseph where they raised four children and several beagles.

Don worked as a plastic engineer for Hughes Plastics and then for Whirlpool Corporation for over 20 years. He was frugal and money savvy and made it his goal to retire at age 57. After retirement, Don and Alice traveled the country with their camping trailer and spent winters in South Padre Island, Texas. He always had a fishing pole ready at every stop. After Alice's passing, Don moved to the family cabin near Baldwin, Mich. There he loved watching the birds, catching bluegills, and hosting family gatherings.

Don is survived by his children: Ruthanne Erbach (John), Mary Alice Brunner (Ed), Nancy Noah (Dan Ernst), and Donald Noah (Kathy); grandchildren: Katie Greer (Jason), Dave Erbach, Laura Brunner (Andrew Danielsky), Jim Brunner (Tara), Drake Dowell, and Mollie Dowell (fiancé, Matt Ursin); great-grandchildren: Noah and Ava; sister, Pat Horning (Jim); brother, Bob Noah; and nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A private scattering of ashes will take place at a later date. Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Bernard Wendell Parsons II

July 4, 1945 – Aug. 23, 2020

Bernard Wendell Parsons II of St. Joseph, who was a beloved husband, father, brother and uncle died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020, at the Caretel Inns of Lakeland, Royalton Township.

Services celebrating his life will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with the Rev. Billy Long officiating. Cremation will follow the service and burial of the ashes will be at a later date. The visitation will begin at 1 p.m. until time of service on Friday. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan or the Sarett Nature Center. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Wendell was born on July 4, 1945, in Benton Harbor to Donna Parsons Johnson and Bernard W. Parsons. He married his wife, Susan Johnston, and together they celebrated 48 years of marriage. Wendell was a graduate of Purdue University. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a master chief after 24 years of service. He was a nuclear propulsion plant maintenance supervisor on submarines. After retirement he was employed at Purdue University where he was in charge of the engineering labs for 20 years. Wendell loved classical music and could fix anything. He was a generous and intelligent individual who was a great teacher.

His family includes his wife, Susan; his children: Scott Parsons of San Francisco, Robin (Erin) Parsons of San Francisco, and Jacklyn (E.J.) Parsons of Palo Alto, Calif.; his brother, David (Laurie) Parsons of St. Joseph; his sisters: Karen (John) Cook of North Point, Fla., Kathleen (Tim) Tabor of Elkridge, Md., and Karyl Byrd of Honor, Mich.; his step-mother, Helen Parsons, of North Point, Fla.; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Kirk Parsons.

The family appreciates and thanks Caretel and Caring Circle Hospice for their care.

Death notices

Norma Lou Clem, 85, of Buchanan: died Aug. 17, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

N.L. Hines, 71, formerly of Benton Harbor: died Aug. 19, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Lee Hendrix, 76, of Benton Harbor: died Aug. 19, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-31081.

Spencer L. Hofbauer, 28, of Battle Creek: died Aug. 25, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Cathy Krueger, 65, of Three Oaks: died Aug. 24, 2020.

Dawn Lewis, 72, of Niles: died Aug 25, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Donald Lee Noah, 89, of St. Joseph: died Aug. 24, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

David Robinson, 60, formerly of Benton Harbor: died Aug. 19, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-31081.

Joanie Smith, 92, of Watervliet: died Aug. 24, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Joyce A. Strickland, 72, of Niles: died Aug. 25, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Nathaniel Wigfall, 58, of Benton Harbor: died Aug. 20, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-31081.

Joan Smith

March 18, 1928 – Aug. 24, 2020

Joanie's life began March 18, 1928, in Benton Harbor. She enjoyed being a lifelong area resident where she raised a family, worked and played. Joanie worked for over 30 years for Watervliet Community Hospital in Environmental Services.

Aside from being a wonderful citizen and dedicated employee, she was a true friend to everyone who knew her. She was a wife, daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. For the almost 26 years I knew her, the lifelong friend we all knew and loved went by "Nana."

While some only saw her on her weekly trips to the Blue Chip, bingo, and the grocery store, myself and my brother Nolan saw her daily. Nolan would lay on the floor listening to Nana's Celine Dion CDs, while I would sit with her and watch her favorite shows. Everything from "The Price Is Right," to her four hours of soap operas (and believe me, I was just invested in those shows as she was), to "Little House On The Prairie," "Bonanza," and "Gunsmoke."

Nana was one of the most important role models in my, and many others' lives. The time I knew her, she stood no more than 5-feet-4, but carried the attitude and fighting spirit of a giant. Often referred to as "one tough old bird," she captured the true meaning of "she is little, but she is fierce."

The side of Nana that I, and many others saw was that of a more kind, understanding woman. Although she was tough, she was just as quick to be gentle and caring. Nana had the best hugs, the best laugh, and best smile. She always knew when to crack a joke, as well as crack the whip. Hailing from the greatest generation, she always believed in "yes ma'am" and "no sir," but just as much if not more she believed you always say "I love you" before you leave.

Always a caring home with open doors, holidays were filled with just as much love and thought. The tables were filled with turkey, ham, sweet potatoes, and the absolute best deviled eggs. Much like the tables, our bellies were full of food, and conversations filled with joyous laughter.

She leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory including two sons: Kenneth of Watervliet and Bill (Linda) of Florida; four grandchildren: Terri, Billy, Angie, and Christine; numerous great and great-great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Nana, mom, aunt, grandma, great-grandma, Joan, Joanie. She was known by all of these names, but most importantly, she was the best friend ANYONE could have ever asked for. She loved each and every one of us just as much as the last, and loved her community equally.

Joanie died Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Her husband, James E. Smith; parents: Nicholas and Evelyn Panagakos, and four siblings: Bonnie, Athena, Elaine and Ted, precede Joanie in death.

Friends may visit with Joanie's family from noon-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Visitation will be followed by a graveside service in Watervliet Cemetery. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Joanie's family at hutchins funeral.com.

Cathy Krueger

Aug. 7, 1955 – Aug. 24, 2020

Cathy Krueger, 65, of Three Oaks, Michigan, passed away Aug. 24, 2020, in Grand Rapids, peacefully surrounded by family.

Cathy was born Aug. 7, 1955, in Michigan City, Ind.

She is the daughter of the late Edna and James Benhart of Three Oaks. She was married a short time to George Krueger of Three Oaks, and had their son, Darrick Krueger. Cathy has been with Tim McMillen, of Baroda, for the last 20 plus years. She loved the time they spent together with their various projects and hobbies.

Cathy spent the last 15 years battling cancer which culminated in a major stroke that ultimately ended her life. She enjoyed nature, couponing, and collected angels, chickens and snow globes. She and Tim loved betting the odds at the casino.

Survivors include Tim McMillen; her son, Darrick Krueger and daughter-in-law Brandi; one sister, Denise Grenke, and two brothers: Billy Benhart and Michael Benhart, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Cathy was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters: Diane Benhart, and Susie Hable; her brother, Phillip Benhart and brother-in-law, Edward Grenke.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sat. Aug. 29, at the Real Life Community Church, 12 Michigan St., Three Oaks with Pastor Rich Zeiger officiating. The visitation will be from 11a.m.-1p.m. A celebratory gathering to follow at the American Legion, Post 204 in Three Oaks.

Memorial contributions may be given to Spectrum Health Hospice.

Central Park monument honors women's rights pioneers

By KAREN MATTHEWS and TED SHAFFREY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A bronze statue depicting women's rights pioneers Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony was unveiled in Central Park on Wednesday, becoming the 167-year-old park's first monument honoring historical heroines, as opposed to fictional female characters like Alice in Wonderland and Shakespeare's Juliet.

The 14-foot-tall monument to the three 19th century advocates, dedicated on the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the amendment that enshrined women's right to vote in the U.S. Constitution, joins prominent men including Hans Christian Andersen, Simón Bolívar and Alexander Hamilton who are honored with busts and statues in the 840-acre New York City park.

"This is a collection of statues of great men who accomplished great things, and the fact that there were no statues of women seemed to mean that the accomplishments of women were meaningless, certainly not worthy of a statue," sculptor Meredith Bergmann said. "So it's long overdue, and it's wonderful that these three great and inspiring and incredibly hardworking activist women are here in Central Park and they can inspire us to continue to fight for equal rights, for fairness and for justice for women, for minority groups, for people of color, for everyone now."

Kevin Hagen / AP

Visitors interact with the Women's Rights Pioneers statue in Central Park in New York on Wednesday.

The monument shows Truth and Stanton seated at a small table as if discussing a point of strategy, with Anthony standing between them.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Southwestern Medical Center is pleased to welcome Dr. Barbara Carlson, a family practitioner, who will begin seeing patients Sept. 5. Carlson will provide routine care and preventative services for the entire family. She received her medical degree from Chicago Medical School and did her family practice residency at West Suburban Hospital in Oak Park, Ill. She practiced in Illinois for nine years before relocating to Michigan. She is married and has three children.

1985 – 35 years ago

A gardening study course, sponsored by District III of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, will be offered Sept. 10-11 at Fernwood Botanical Garden in Niles. Techniques of growing fruit, shrubs and trees, budding and grafting, specialized techniques for cold frames, hot beds and organic, greenhouse and light gardening, and outdoor identification of plants will be covered in the course. Federated Garden Club members may take an exam Sept. 12 covering the two days of classes. Members passing exams for all four courses in the series will earn a consultant's certificate from the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

1970 – 50 years ago

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. announced today it will develop a $250,000 Tire and Service Center in Benton Harbor. The site is owned by the M.W. Stock Trust and is the former location of Gersonde Equipment Co., which moved. Construction and remodeling is scheduled to start next week with completion by mid-December. Pearson Construction Co. is the general contractor. Plans for the new center call for a 14,000-square-foot, T-shaped plant featuring drive-thru service bays, large salesrooms, a service department, storage, and a paved and well-lit parking lot.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Aug. 27, the 240th day of 2020. There are 126 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 27, 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

On this date:

In 1776, the Battle of Long Island began during the Revolutionary War as British troops attacked American forces who ended up being forced to retreat two days later.

In 1858, the second debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place in Freeport, Ill.

In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas.

In 1949, a violent white mob prevented an outdoor concert headlined by Paul Robeson from taking place near Peekskill, New York. (The concert was held eight days later.)

In 1963, author, journalist and civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois died in Accra, Ghana, at age 95.

In 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson accepted his party's nomination for a term in his own right, telling the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Let us join together in giving every American the fullest life which he can hope for."

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
PARTLY CLOU	ISOLATED T-STORMS	SCATTERED T-STORMS	FEW SHOWER	PARTLY CLOU	PARTLY CLOUDY
89°	71°	86° / 65°	76° / 58°	74° / 55°	77° / 60°

Local Outlook

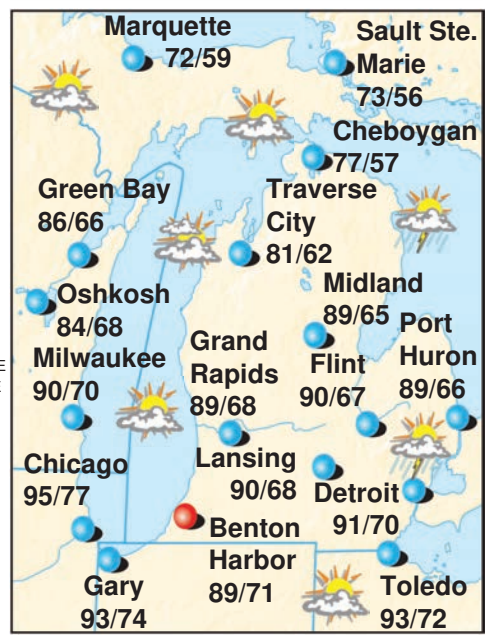
TODAY WE WILL SEE PARTLY SKIES WITH A SLIGHT CHANC SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORM TEMPERATURE OF 89°, HUMIDI 62%. SOUTHWEST WIND 10 TO MPH. EXPECT PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT WITH A 30% CHANCI SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS OVERNIGHT LOW OF 71°.

Sun and Moon

SUNRISE. . . . . 7:06 A.M.
SUNSET. . . . . 8:26 P.M.
MOONRISE. . . . . 5:03 P.M.
MOONSET. . . . . 1:21 A.M.

FULL 9/2 · LAST 9/10 · NEW 9/17 · FIRST 9/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

BENTON HARBOR YESTERDAY

Temperature

HIGH . . . . . 94°R
LOW . . . . . 76°
NORMAL HIGH . . . . . 80°
NORMAL LOW . . . . . 60°
RECORD HIGH . . . . 93° IN 2018
RECORD LOW . . . . 49° IN 2008

PRECIPITATION

YESTERDAY . . . . . 0.00"
MONTH TO DATE . . . . . 1.29"
NORMAL FOR MONTH . . . 3.64"
YEAR TO DATE . . . . . 25.74"
NORMAL YEAR TO DATE 24.87"

Air Quality

YESTERDAY 67
MAIN OFFENDER . . . . . OZONE

THE HIGHER THE NUMBER, THE GREATER THE NEED FOR PEOPLE WITH RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS TO REDUCE OUTSIDE ACTIVITY.

0-50 . . . . . GOOD
51-100 . . . . . MODERATE
101-150 . . . . SENSITIVE
151-200 . . UNHEALTH

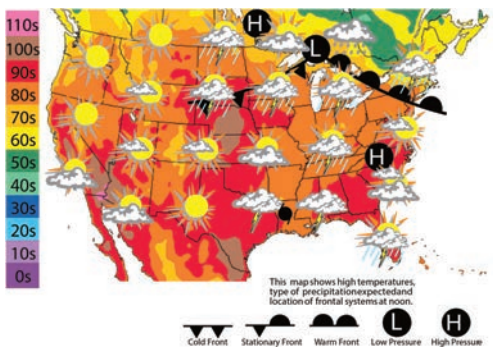
Weather Trivia

Are all weather stations automated?

Answer: NO. SOME ARE AUTOMATED AND OTHERS ARE MANNED BY METEOROLOGISTS.

National Weather Map

FORECAST MAP FOR AUG. 27, 2020



FOR LATEST WEATHER UPDATES VISIT: WeatherUpdatedWx.com/HP

Lake Michigan

TODAY, WSW WIND 10 TO 15 KT. A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS A THUNDERSTORMS. WAVES 2 TO 3 FT. WATER TEMPERATURE 73 DE TONIGHT, SSW WIND 5 TO 7 KT.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

TODAY, SKIES WILL BE PARTLY CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED THUNI IN THE 70S AND 80S. WEST WIND 11 MPH. EXPECT CLOUDY SK WITH WIDESPREAD SHOWERS, HIGHS IN THE 60S AND 70S. EA 10 MPH.

Lower Peninsula

TODAY, SKIES WILL BE PARTLY CLOUDY WITH ISOLATED THUNI IN THE 80S AND 90S. SOUTHWEST WIND 10 TO 15 MPH. EXPE CLOUDY SKIES FRIDAY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNI IN THE 80S.

SUPPLIES

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"While these may be basic items that we take for granted, for refugees who have lost their homes and oftentimes have been displaced from their families, there's a personal touch here knowing that the kits were packaged by Christians in the United States," he said. "That impacts the lives of these refugees in ways that are hard to measure."

The school supply kits include notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, crayons, erasers and drawstring backpack-style cloth bags.

Hartten said his church has been putting together about 300 kits annually for more than a decade, with the personal care kits done in the spring and the school supply kits completed in the fall.

He said they have no idea where the kits will end up when they put them together.

"Lutheran World Relief coordinates these donations throughout the United States and then sends them where needed," he said.

He said past shipments have gone to help people in India and Africa.

Hartten said that his church is gearing up to make school supply kits this fall, although they are still working out the details so the kits can be put together safely during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said they will make as many kits as they have donations for.

Checks can be made out to Peace Lutheran Church, with LWR Kits written in the memo line, and mailed to Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Anyone who would like to donate items for the kits can drop them off between 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at the church. Donations are also accepted at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Lutheran World Relief has very specific guidelines for kits. Items must be new and can't have any religious or patriotic symbols on them, including camouflage. The kits or their contents can't be enclosed in plastic bags.

For more information, call the church at 556-7000.

In a news release, Lutheran World Relief reported that also lost were more than 22,000 quilts sewn by members of Lutheran congregations across the U.S.

"Our quilts are made with love by those who painstakingly craft them, and they're deeply appreciated by the people in distress who receive them, both for the warmth and the message of care they provide," said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director, outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief.

Besides the deaths and injuries, the explosions left at least 300,000 people without shelter. The blast was strong enough to register as the equivalent of a 3.3-magnitude earthquake and was felt as far as Cyprus, 150 miles away.

"Our hearts are breaking as we grieve and pray with our brothers and sisters in Beirut," said Daniel Speckhard, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. "We are committed to replacing the aid that was lost and are working on an emergency response to provide assistance as the city recovers and rebuilds."

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CUELLAR

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prepared to go to trial and had discussed trial strategies with Cuellar.

Cuellar further claims Johnson told him a jury would hate him.

Johnson said Wednesday, "Yes, I told him that the jury would hate him when he walked in, and that we would tell the jury about his committed love for his co-defendant and that he thought the Hassels' child was not being taken care of."

Johnson said he was shocked when Cuellar told him he wanted to plead guilty because "God had spoken to him and he wanted to make it right with the family."

"Did you tell him to take the plea or go to death row?" Zevalking asked Johnson, who replied, "Absolutely not."

Johnson said he had advised Cuellar, if he wanted to plead, to plead no contest. In pleading no contest, a defendant does not admit guilt but agrees not to contest the charges.

In entering his guilty plea last July, Cuellar told the court that he went to the Hassel family's home in St. Joseph Township, waited outside, and shot Hassel "three, four or five times" in the head in the driveway when he came out of the house. He said he was standing about 4 feet away from him, and that he intended to kill him.

In his motion to withdraw his guilty plea, Cuellar claims that Johnson was ineffective as his lawyer, that he did not provide him with discovery or talk about trial strategy, that he told him a jury would hate him and he had no chance at trial, and that he had coerced him to plead guilty under the threat of the death penalty.

In cross examination of Cuellar on Wednesday, Pierangeli took him through the points of his motion one-by-one, and Cuellar ultimately said some of the claims are not true.

"He did discuss trial strategy with you, correct?" Pierangeli pressed in cross examination. Cuellar, after a brief pause, answered, "Yes."

Johnson told the court that he was prepared for trial and was ready to fight for Cuellar and was surprised that his client wanted to plead guilty but that "he was adamant that this was what he wanted to do."

Citing arraignment, a preliminary hearing and status and case conferences, Pierangeli asked, "In the seven occasions you went before a judge in this case, no one ever talked about the death penalty, correct?" Cuellar paused, said, "Correct," then began laughing.

"What's funny?" Pierangeli asked, to which Cuellar responded, "Carry on, Mr. Pierangeli."

Pierangeli continued, asking Cuellar, "At the time of the plea, you said you were satisfied with your lawyer's work, that there had been no force or threats or coercion, you stated the facts of the case, said you had murdered Tyrone Hassel III, that you had no further questions, and that you wanted to speak to the family, to apologize, correct?'

Cuellar responded, "Correct."

Further, Cuellar admitted, his lawyer had presented the prosecutor's deal for a no-contest plea, and he himself wanted to change it to "guilty."

"That had nothing to do with the death penalty, correct?" Pierangeli asked, to which Cuellar responded "Correct."

"So there are at least three lies in your sworn affidavit, correct," Pierangeli asked, to which Cuellar said, "Correct."

Zevalking reminded Cuellar that he, not Cuellar, had written the affidavit and that Cuellar had merely signed it.

"So if a statement (in the affidavit) is inaccurate, that would be on me, not you, correct?" the appellate lawyer asked. Cuellar answered "Correct."

But Pierangeli reminded Cuellar that he himself had hand-written two additional claims at the bottom of the typed affidavit. The judge had received the amended affidavit Wednesday morning, and provided a copy to Pierangeli at the start of the hearing.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's hearing, Zevalking said Cuellar is asking the judge to allow him to withdraw his plea because it was not voluntary.

Pierangeli told Pasula the people object, because "there was no ineffective assistance of counsel, and the plea was made knowingly and voluntarily."

Pasula requested the court clerk prepare a transcript of Wednesday's proceeding and said she will issue a ruling after that, likely in a month or so.

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